

**--Abstract of the Disclosure**

A method for countering oxidization of low density lipoproteins, reducing cholesterol or triglyceride in plasma or inhibiting atherosclerosis comprising administering an effective amount of a Hibiscus sabdariffa extract.--

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

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**What is claimed is:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

5. (Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising combining the said Hibiscus sabdariffa extract with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.